

reasonable expectation of success were the references to be so combined, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-11 are not made obvious by the cited references.

Accordingly, Applicants believe the rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hefti in view of Ribi to be overcome.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below should he find that there are any further issues outstanding.

Please charge any fees, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-1641** referencing Attorney's Docket No. **25527-0001**.

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